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For: **MATCHING BOX, VACUUM APPARATUS USING THE SAME, AND  
VACUUM PROCESSING METHOD**

**REQUEST FOR STATUS**

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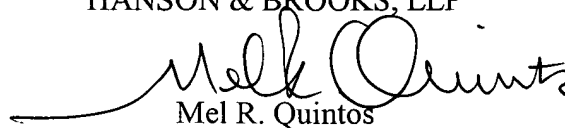
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